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(Contributed by Leo Culleton, 92 Picadilly, London, W., and
the late Lothrop Withington.)

WILLIAM SKIPWITH, of Coates, Co. Leicester, Knight.

Codicil 29 Oct. 5 Jas.

My Manor of Prestwold, in co. Leicester, which was purchased of HENRY HALL, esq. and all my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments in Prestwold, Hoton, Loughborough, Burton, Coetes (except my manor of Coetes and the farme or grange in Burton known as Burton Grange) shall descend to my heir, being a third of my mannors, lands etc. The residue of my lands etc in Leicester which I hold in fee farm of his Matie known as Temple Walk, Stonye Lane, Calver Haye, Kirbye pastures and Beamont leys and all the messuages lands tenements and hereditaments which I purchased of MARY ERDES-WICK and Sir EVERARD DIGBY in Prestwold, Hoton, Burton and Wymeswold, unto my executors in trust, for the satisfaction of my legacies and the maintenance of my younger children.

To my younger sonne GEORGE SKIPWITH, an annuity of
£30 to be taken out of my manor of Coates and Burton grange,
(before excepted.)

Executors: my wife Dame JANE SKIPWITH and my friends and brothers in law, Sir WILLIAM SAMUELLE, knight, MATHEW SAUNDERS, esq., and my brother, HENRY SKIPWITH, Esq.

Codicil 29 Oct. 5 Jas.

Whereas I have bargained with Lord HENRY, EARLE of Huntingdon for that messuage in the town of Leicester, now in his tenure, for £400 whereof I have received £150, my mind is that my Executors will on the payment of £250 by the said Earl, convey the same messuage to him.

To CASSANDRA BRADSHAWE, £200. To my daughter, JANE SKIPWITH, £1,500. To my daughter ANNE SKIPWITH, £1,000. To my daughter ELIZABETH SKIPWITH, £1,000. To my sister URSULA, £20.

Overseer:—my freind ROBERT NOONE, of Walton upon the Wolds, in co. Leicester, gent.

WALTER STRIMGER	} Witnesses.
THOMAS HENWORTH	
RICHARD SPICKE	

8 May 1611 Administration granted to HENRY SKIPWITH, Knt. son of said deceased; MATHEW SAUNDERS, HENRY SKIPWITH, WILLIAM SAMUELL, Knt. and Dame JANE SKIPWITH, the Executors, having renounced. **42 WOOD.**

[This Sir William Skipwith, of Coates, Leicestershire, who died in 1611, was the father of Sir Henry Skipwith, of Prestwold, created a baronet in 1622. Sir Grey Skipwith, Bart., son of Sir Henry, emigrated to Virginia during the English Civil War, and the bearer of the title remained here until, Grey Skipwith, eldest son of Sir Peyton, of "Prestwold", Mecklenburg Co., Va., (who died in 1805) was bequeathed an estate by a distant kinsman in England, and removed to that country.

The wills show that Henry Skipwith and Sir William were brothers.]

HENRY SKIPWITH of Knight Thorpe, county Leicester, Esquire.

Will 20 November 1638; proved 24 March 1639. My body to chancel of Tugby church near to Sepulchre of my father and mother. To poor of Longborrow £6 according to discretion of Mr. John Browne, parson To poor of village of Knight Thorpe £3 whereof 10s. was appointed by last will of William Bennett my vooke [*sic*]. To poor of village of Thorpe Ansker £3 whereof 10s. by said William Bennett. To poor of Tugby in which parish I was born 40s. at discretion of Robert Hill vicar or Grace his wife. To my deerest Nephew Thomas Woodward Esq £100. To Lady Jane Harrington my neece and

sister to said Thomas Woodward £40. To my only sister Mrs. Brigett Asen of Marsh in the Fen £10. Whereas I am guardian of Nicholas Low son of Francis Low late of Thorpe Awker and have in my hands all his estate and whereas my son Thomas in his lifetime did owe unto Francis Low his late father £10 my will is that said Nicholas ge paid said £10 at his 21 year. I received 50s. of my nephew Arthur Samuell for the use of Mary Morrice daughter of Thomas Morrice, Taylor, deceased, to which sum I added £5 which hath remained in my hands since 8 May 1635 My will is that said £7 10s. be paid to said Mary Morrice with interest at 21 years. To her also a Bond of £6 entered into by her brother in law John Hill. To my kinsman Captain Francis Cane the best horse I am possessed of with best saddle and furniture To Robert Stanley my antient servant of 40 years £40. To him also 40 ewes to be drawn by him out of stock at Goadby. To him also my fourth best ram and my third best horse with saddle and furniture To him and my servant William Greene all my apparel that is not silk or velvet. To said William Greene the nagge with saddle he useth to ride and £10, To Henry Gilbert son and heir to Thomas Gilbert of Lockoe county Darby my heare of grounds called the Upper Launde with two meadows belonging which I hold of Mr. Mosley son and heir to Sir Edward Moseley lately deceased with all sheepe and beasts there at my decease. My mares geldings and colts there to the use of Jane Ridgley the wife of Symon Ridgley Esq my dear daughter. To my wife's daughter Mrs. Mary Handson £20 for her lifetime After to her son Henry Handson my godson. To Jeremy Wilkinson my son Ridgley's cook 40s. To my cousin Brian Fitzwilliams a suit of clothes and £5 Residue to Symon Ridgley Esq and Jane his wife joint executors. Witnesses: Neele Ithall, Henry Shaw, Barnaby Jackson. Executors to give rings to: Sir Hen. Skipwith, Brigett Ayson, Thos. Skipwith, Ann Pate, Henry Aysen, John Aysen, Edw. Aysen, Neece Smyth, Thos. Brudnell, Neece Morgaine, Sybella Eglianbye Sir Richd. Samuell, Lady Samuell, Anto Samuell, Jane Brough, Thos. Woodward, Lady Harrington, Nephew Fetherston, Thos. Harrington, John Hawford, Elizab.

Sanden, Mr. Browne pson, Mr. Hill pson, Geo. Ashbye, Hen, Ashbye, Tho. Gilbert, Hen. Gilbert, Capt. Cane, Lady Willan his wife, Sir Geo. Willan, Ursula Porter, Will. Skipwith, Rich. Samuell, Jane Samuell, Sir Hen. Barkclay, Lady Digby, Sir Kellam Digby, Sir John Digby, Chas. Dymocke, Cyrian Day, Roger Smyth, Sir John Beaumont, Lady Grantham, Henry Smythe, Thos. Brudnell junior, Will. Skipwith, Dr. Morgane, Dr. Ehianbye, Nephew Lockye, Mary Handson. Codicil 20 November 1638. Appointment of my trusty cosen Francis Cane of Broksbye as Supervisor. Rings to be enamel with a death's head, and the value of 10s. each. To every servan not espressed 10s. each. Whereas Mr. Neale Ithell owes me £500 or therabouts I am willing to accept £300 to be paid to me or my executors in the year 1641-1642 to have on the last payment a General Release. Witnesses: Jo. Davenport, Wm Greene, Coventry, 33.

WILLIAM TABORER. Will 9 February 1652 (-3); proved 4 June 1653. Desiring a friendly and loving agreement betwixt my wife and children, I have thought good to declare my mind concerning every of them severally in this my last will. I bequeath to my wife Anne the house I now live in, and the three tenements thereto belonging in the occupation of Gilborth Peere, Robert Cutburne and Robert Saxelby, for the term of her life; also my half close called the Parcel Cose, the half of all my arable land within the liberties of Derby, and the half of my barn upon Nungreene. To my son William, one house in the Frearegate betwixt the houses of John Wright and Robert Banker, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres lying severally in the Wall field, Parke field and White Crosse field. To my son James, the house I now dwell in and the three tenements, after my wife's decease. If my son James die without children, the same to come to my son Nathaniell. To my son Joshua, L.50 if he come for it. If not, to ge divided betwixt my son Nathaniell and my son John equally. To my son Thomas, L.10. To my son Nathaniell, the reversion of the other premises given to

my wife for her life; and one farm at Marketon, with all the land and meadow thereto belonging.

To my son John, two houses in the market place, now in the occupation of William Bould and William Buntinge, and L.120 towards his maintenance to the university; what remains to be restored to him, when he shall have occasion to use it or or call for it. To my daughters Saria, Mary and Rebecka, L.200 apiece at their several ages of 20; the interest of their portions to be for their maintenance and keeping. I give to my sister Margaret living at Morley, 10s. a year during her life. To my sister Elizabeth 20s.; to her son William 10s. To the poor of St. Warbur's parish, 20s. I make my wife my executrix. Whatsoever shall be made of my estate above these legacies shall be divided equally betwixt my wife and my son Nathaniel, and I make my sons William and Nathaniel my overseere. The mark of William Taborer. Witnesses: Nathaniell Taborer, the mark of Edward Clarke and Thomas Heane. Proved by the executrix named. **Brent, 254.**

[Two sons of the testator came to Virginia about the middle to the Seventeenth Century and settled in Isle of Wight County. One of them Joshua Taberer, made a will, dated Nov. 24, 1656, and proved in Isle of Wight. It is printed in full Vol VI, 117,118, of this Magazine. In it he gives to his brother Thomas Taberer all the estate given him, or which he may inherit under the will of his father William Taberer, of the County of Duby, said brother Thomas to bestow, as a legacy to his brother William Taberer of the County of Derby and the rest of his fathers kindred ten pounds sterling. He gives the remainder of his estate in England and Virginia to Ruth Taberer, only daughter and heir of his brother Thomas and to his brother Thomas.

Major Thomas Taberer (as was his title in the militia) was in Virginia as early as 1653, was long a justice of Isle of Wight County and died possessed of a considerable real and personal estate. After the date of his brother's will he had several other daughters, though no sons. In his will, dated Jan 14, 1692, and proved in Isle of Wight he names his grandson Joseph Copeland, grandson Thomas Numan (Newman) son of John Numan and his daughter Ruth, grandson Thomas Webb, son of William Webb and his daughter Mary, daughter Christian Jordan, wife of Robert Jordan, daughter Elizabeth Copeland's children, and also makes bequests to Elizabeth Wombwell's children, without stating how related.

Jno Taberer who is provided for at the university must have been at Cambridge. His name is not among the Oxford Matriculations.]

PETER THACKER, the younger of the parish of saint Peter's Mancrofte in Norwich. Will 12 April 1652; proved 2 July 1653. I gequeath my soul to God, and my body to be buried in decent burial without any manner of state and pomp. I give to the poor of the said parish 20s, to the poor of the parishes of Swethens and Stephens, 10s apiece. To Mr. Carter, Mr. Rainham and Mr. Collings, 10s. apiece. My will is that, within one year after. my decease, my executrix shall pay L.10 into the hands of the most able and substantial parishioners of the parish wherein I live, to the use of the parishioners of the said parish, which L.10 shall be lent by the major part of twelve of the most able parishioners, upon Easter Monday next after payment of the same, to some honest tradesman upon good security for 2 years, paying 5s. a year for the same to the churchwardens for the time being for the use of the poor of the said parish, and so from three years to three years forever. I bequeath to Mary, my loving wife, for her life, all my houses and grounds, she keeping the same in good reparations; and after her decease, I give to my son William the house wherein I now dwell; to my son Peter, the house wherein John Crowe, my tenant in St. Andrewes now dwelleth; to my son Thomas, the tenement next thereunto wherein Daniel Mathews, gouldsmith, lately dwelt, and the back tenement wherein Goodman Shepard the brazier now dwelleth. The two last mentioned tenements shall enjoy the liberty of water as formerly, paying 3s. a year towards the maintaining of the pump there. As for the tenements in St. Peter's parish, wherein Peter Dale and Francis Wilson now dwell, in case my wife be delivered of a man child, I will that the said man child shall have the same, and desire her soon after her delivery to settle the same tenement accordingly. Otherwise I give the said two tenements to Rose Thacker and Mary Thacker, my two daughters. If my wife be delivered of daughters I give them L.50 apiece at their age of 20, and to the said Rose and Mary L.50 apiece at 20, desiring their mother to increase it, as she shall see cause. I give to every of my children L10 worth of householdstuff at their several ages of 20. To my loving father, my gold ring engraven with P and T, and I entreat his care of, and love to

my wife and children. To my brother Thomas Thacker and my sisters Linge and Paine, to every of them a death's head gold ring of 15s. price apiece, which I desire they will wear and keep in remembrance of me. In matters of near concernment to my said wife, I desire she will advise with my father, Mr. Alderman Davy, Mr. Alderman Cory, and my brother Violet Benton, and conclude nothing without the advice of two of them. I desire that my wife may have a special care that all my children may be brought up in the fear of the Lord, and that she will have a great care in placing them, as they shall be fit to be put forth, into godly and religious houses, though they be the meaner places and the more inferior callings. In witness whereof to this my last will, being all written with my own hand, I have set my hand and seal. (signed) P. Thacker. Admon granted to Mary Thacker, relict of the deceased, to administer the goods etc. in accordance with the tenor of the above will, there being no executor named. **Brent, 10.**

[Henry Thacker, of Lancaster and Middlesex Counties, Va. 1656-1673 &c., was in England in 1656, and in making the statement required by law at the time stated that he "intended to go to Norwich and there remain among his friends," while in England. He married about 1662, Eltonhead, daughter of Edwin Conway, of Lancaster Co, and his wife, Martha, daughter of Richard Eltonhead, of Eltonhead, Lancashire, England. She married, secondly, about 1677, William Stanard of Middlesex County. See Hayden's *Virginia Genealogies*, 235, 236 &c., and register of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex.]

HENRY TUCKER of Gravesend, county Kent, gent. Will 20 January 1640; proved 26 April 1641. To Dorathie my wife £50 yearly, bed, bedding and other necessaries. To my brothers Robert, Thomas and Richard 20s. each. To my brother John Tucker £5. To my three sisters Ann, Ellen and Elizabeth 20s. each. To Henry Frie son of John Frie 20s. To my kinswomen Anne Tucker daughter of Thomas Tucker and to Thomas Tucker servant to John Toker, of Gravesand, mercer £5 apeece. To my kinswoman Elizabeth Tucker servant to Mr. William Davies £4. To poor of Gravesend and Milton 20s. a parish. To my son in law Will Davies gent, fower children Jane, William, John and Marie £10 apiece to be paid to their father for their use. To my son in law William Davies gent my moiety out of the field called the church field, said

field stt over to John Reddoll of Milton. To enter upon the lease at Our Lady Day. To Jane Davies daughter of said William Davies a bowl set in silver. Residue to John Tucker my son sole executor. Witnesses: Wm Davies, gent, John Vincent, scr. Administration to Dorthy Tucker **Evelyn, 42.**

[The place of the testator in the family of Tucker of Milton and Gravesend, Kent, cannot be exactly assigned. George Tucker of Milton, (whose will was printed in this Magazine XVII, 394 &c., had sons Henry, Robert and John; but no Richard and Thomas, are given in Dr. Thos. Addis Emmett's genealogy of the family. Nor are sons Thomas and Richard named in George Tucker's will. It is possible that he was a first cousin of George Tucker, and son of John Tucker, of London.]

ALEXANDER WOODSONNE, of the City of Bristol,

"Phesion"

Dated 11 April 1616.

Md. 12 April 1616

Md. 25 Dec. 1616.

Proved 8 May 1618.

To be buried in St. Michaells Churchyarde in Bristol.

To MARIE, my daughter, all such goods as my late deceased wife had when I was married to her.

All other my goods to be devided into four parts, to my daughter MARTHA, one part, to ALEXANDER, the sonne of my sonne, JOHN WOODSONNE, one part, to FRANCIS and GRACE, the children of my sonne FRANCIS WOODSONNE, "both" deceased, one part and to my daughter ANNE WOODSOONE, one part. Provided also that my soone HENRY WOODSONNE of Wells shall have such bookes that I have and that nowe are abreade in the hands of Mr. ISRAEL GLESON and Mr. WILLIAM SWIFT.

Sole Executor: my sonne HENRY WOODSONNE.

Overseers:-Mr. WILLIAM SWIFT and Mr. RICHARD BOSWELL.

[No Witnesses]

Md. 12 Apr. 1616.

To my children of my sonne HENRY, -izt. PHILLIPPE and THOMAS, 5 Apostle spoones of silver.

[No Witnesses].

Md. 25 Dec. 1616.

I revoke the legacies]legacies to my daughter "in lawe", MARIE and give her the bed and bolster she lyeth on, etc.

RICHARD BOSWELL

WILLIAM WIGHTWICKE

} Witnesses.

Proved 8 May 1618 by the sole Executor named.

*? Does this mean the two sons, JOHN & FRANCIS, deceased.

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[The designation of the testator is an abbreviation of "phesition," physician. John Woodson, who came to Virginia in 1619, with his wife Sarah, is said, by tradition, to have been a physician or surgeon. The dates would suit well enough for him to have been son of Alexander Woodson but the latter seems to say that, in 1616, his son John was dead. Bristol and the neighborhood would, however, be a good place to look for the Virginian.]